GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ESTABLISHING UNIVERSITIES AND A CENTRE FOR NRIS/PIOS
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Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up full fledged universities for the NRIs/PIOs;

(b) if so, the details and the steps taken in this regard ;

(c) whether the Government has decided to establish an NRI Centre in Delhi for the welfare of NRIs ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by when the said centre is likely to become operational ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER)

(a & b) No, Sir, Such universities may be set up by the private sector with the approval of the regulatory agencies concerned.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government is in the process of finalizing the site for the Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra (PBK) in New Delhi. Once the land is acquired, steps regarding the design and construction of the Kendra will commence. The Kendra is likely to be operational in about 3 years time.